

THE MESSAGE.—We present to the readers of the Press, this week, the Annual Message of President Grant, in the form of an extra. We have barely had time since receiving the documents to hastily glance over it, and are unprepared to comment on its merits or criticize its positions.

NEWS ITEMS.

The impression is said to prevail in the West, that the Indians will enter upon a general war on the opening of spring.

MASSING, Democrat, has been elected from the Raleigh, North Carolina district, to fill the unexpired term in the 41st Congress, by 436 majority over Joe W. Holden, Radical.

Two hundred workmen were discharged from the Mare Island Navy Yard on the 30th ult.

The net proceeds of the great Mercantile Library Lottery, at San Francisco, were \$310,122.

Two hundred workmen were discharged from the Portsmouth Navy Yard on the 30th ult.

A Masonic temple to cost from \$75,000 to \$100,000, is to be erected in Denver, Colorado, next season.

In Somersetshire, England, cattle are dying by scores from having eaten too many acorns when they fell in large quantities during the late gale.

A disaster from Foughkeepsie, N. Y., says: There is great alarm in this county in relation to the cattle disease, which increases.

A family of children in Zanesville have been awarded three hundred dollars damages against a saloon keeper, who sold whisky to their father.

A "LOONEY" named Curtis has purchased land in the vicinity of Athens, whereon he is to build the new Jerusalem City, by special order from the Lord. He came in advance, before the asylum is finished.

The stocking factory of Merrow & Millard at Merrow Station, in the town of Mansfield, was totally destroyed by fire on the morning of the 2d inst. Loss \$40,000; insurance \$23,800.

JAMES DUFF, of Pontiac, Treasurer of the State Reform School, located at that place, has failed with \$52,000 of the school funds in his possession. The state is perfectly secured by his bondsmen.

The grand jury at Leavenworth, Kansas, has found seven indictments against John Speer, the Radical ex-collector of Internal Revenue for that State, and five against each of his deputies, Barrick and Van Horn, and one indictment against Speer for perjury.

On the 30th ult. the President signed the pardon of Thomas C. Cafferty, ex-Speaker of the New York Assembly, sentenced for defending revenue for two years imprisonment and a fine of \$10,000.

The pardons of William Henly, convicted of illicit distilling in East Tennessee, and Andrew Scott, convicted of cutting government timber on government reservations, were also signed the same day.

In Mexico they practice poisoning whiskey in the for currying heads. In the "diggins" that are not very pleasant sustenance is produced by poisoning that beverage down the throat.

The city authorities of Baltimore have taken the census of that town, by which an increase of 15,776 in the population is shown over that given in the census taken by the Federal officers.

The Louisville Courier-Journal says: The disposition to make game of Gen. Grant has become so universal throughout the country that he is rapidly supplanting base ball as our National game.

On Friday last, the prisoners in the Nevada State prison made a desperate attempt to escape. Five got outside the main door and attacked the guard, who shot one dead and mortally wounded two. They shot another through the chest and captured the fifth after a desperate struggle.

The Supreme Court of Illinois has decided that there is no power to condemn a child in a reform school unless it has been convicted of crime. This decision will release a large number of children from our reform schools.

Kear has a colored debating society in Tiffin. At its last meeting the subject discussed was "which is the greatest evil to mankind, females or money." The subject was ably discussed and much light was thrown upon it by several learned shades.

An extensive conflagration occurred at New Orleans on Thursday morning last. The Varieties Theatre, John Hawkins' store-room, Schillie's coffee house and livery stable were destroyed. The fire originated in the property room of the theatre, adjoining the building. Two firemen are reported to be under the fallen rafters. Loss \$250,000; insurance \$100,000 in local companies.

An Monmouth, Illinois, on Thursday morning last, while an omnibus was standing at the depot of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad containing three young ladies, an employee on the train which had arrived a few moments before, out of pure devilry blew the locomotive whistle. The horses at once started on the run, and the young ladies jumped from the carriage, but one of them in doing so was fatally injured. The people of Monmouth are highly indignant at the conduct of the man, and there are threats of lynching him. He has been guilty of like offences before.

The Democracy of the Dayton District invite rather than fear the contest for Hon. L. D. Campbell's seat proposed by the Schenck people. They desire an opportunity to bring out the fact by proof before a committee of Congress that the protection plug at the east sent \$20,000 into the district to carry Schenck's election by bribery and corruption.—Critic.

THE CENSUS OF 1870.

The Returns from Twenty-Eight States.

(From the Boston Advertiser, Nov. 24.)

The following table exhibits the census return, nearly or quite complete, in 28 of the States. It will be observed that the list does not include any of the Eastern States, New England, New York, Pennsylvania or New Jersey. The returns from all the others are given:

States.	Population.
Alabama	1,000,000
California	250,000
Florida	120,000
Georgia	150,000
Illinois	2,500,000
Indiana	1,500,000
Iowa	1,000,000
Kentucky	1,200,000
Louisiana	700,000
Michigan	1,500,000
Minnesota	1,000,000
Mississippi	1,000,000
Missouri	1,500,000
Nebraska	500,000
North Carolina	1,000,000
Ohio	2,500,000
South Carolina	700,000
Tennessee	1,500,000
Texas	1,000,000
Virginia	1,000,000
West Virginia	400,000

The increase in some of these States is very small, but none of them show any falling off. It appears that New Hampshire is the only State in the Union which has absolutely diminished in population during the last decade.

The greatest proportional gain in any State is that of Nevada; but as it was a small State to begin with, it admitted, this is no more than what was to be expected. The largest actual gain in Illinois—over 800,000—brings her up to within 200,000 of Ohio, but less her before, the fourth State in population.

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The Relations of His Wife's Third Cousin.

Under that shameful system of personal and family government which Gen. Grant has established, the relations of the President's wife to her third cousin, Major-General Grant, are a subject of public interest.

The extraordinary number and variety of these connections have induced us to make the attempt to present in the form of a kind of Court register a list of these fortunate persons, and of the offices and distinctions which they respectively enjoy. The compilation of this list has cost some labor, and we are well aware that after all, many cousins and second cousins who hold office are not included; for, strange to say, this kind of Presidential benevolence does not extend to them.

But if any cousin or brother-in-law whom we have omitted or whom we have not accurately described by kindly pointing out the error, will give him his due place and his proper title in a corrected catalogue of the ruling family.

Ulysses Simpson Grant, President of the United States.

II. Jesse Root Grant, President's father, Postmaster at Covington, Ky.

III. Frederick Dent Grant, President's mother, Mideast at West Point.

IV. Orvil L. Grant, President's brother, partner with the Collector of the Port at Chicago.

V. Frederick T. Dent, President's father-in-law, Claimant of Land at Carondelet, Mo.—elected by Wilson, Commissioner of the Land office.

VI. Rev. M. J. Cramer, President's brother-in-law, Minister at St. Mark.

VII. Abel Rathbone Grant, President's brother-in-law, negotiator of gold and real estate speculations with James Fisk Jr., and Jay Gould.

VIII. H. R. Briggs, Grant's Dent, President's brother-in-law, chief usher at the Executive Mansion.

IX. Judge Louis Dent, President's brother-in-law, Counsel for Claimants before the President. Fees estimated at \$40,000 a year.

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An Improper Appointment.

The following official announcement was made on Saturday:

"Gen. Dent, who is on duty at the Executive Mansion, and who has been holding the position of Aid-de-Camp to the General-in-Chief, has been assigned to the Second Regiment of Artillery as Lieutenant-Colonel. The rank he now holds is Lieutenant-Colonel of Infantry."

This tells anything but the whole truth. Gen. Dent was an officer of infantry, and has never been anything else. In the recent consolidation his regiment was suppressed. This left him a supernumerary officer, and in completing the reduction of the staff according to the act of July 15, 1870, he would necessarily have had to be mustered out. To avoid this, the President, in organizing his staff, has now assigned him to the Second Regiment of Artillery. This gives him a permanent place in the army at the expense of deserving artillery officers, who by this means are deprived of a promotion to which they are justly entitled.

Probably there is not in the army list a more worthless officer than Gen. Dent. He is a man of no military attainments, and no good-natured contempt. He never has been of any use anywhere. So low is his capacity that the President, in organizing his military staff at the White House—all contrary to law—has not deemed him fit for any more important position than that of a mere messenger. He has deliberately fastened him upon the army, to the exclusion of brave competent, and high-minded men, who have rendered the greatest services to the country.

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The Storm at Cincinnati—Destruction of Property and Loss of Life.

CINCINNATI, DEC. 5.—A part of the west wall of the new building now erecting by the Cincinnati Gas and Coke Company, corner of Fourth and Plum streets, was blown down at half past two this afternoon by the strong wind that was prevailing, burying five carpenters at work on the third floor. John Daner of Cincinnati, and Henry Willingham of Covington, were instantly killed, both being shockingly mangled. E. J. Daner, who was working on the third floor, and Jack Steinger of Cincinnati expired after reaching the hospital. A carpenter named Plumb was seriously injured, and John W. Wallyer slightly. The building was nearly ready for the roof.

CONGRESS.—The last session of the 41st Congress commenced on Monday. The session will necessarily be a short one, as it expires by constitutional limit on the 4th of March next, leaving but a term of three months, and from a week to ten days after the holidays will probably be devoted to a grand carnival by the members, still there will be time enough for doing an immense amount of mischief. There are a score or more of land grants to railroads and monopolists lying over from the last session, and the lobbyists will have a busy time if not a rich harvest.

BUTLER & GRANT.—The telegraph announces a little unpleasantness between Ben. Butler and his royal highness. Spooner recently made a fiery speech in Boston on the subject of the Alabama claims. His friends assert that the speech was submitted to the President before it was delivered, and that he fully approved the ideas and sentiments it expressed, and that now since the expression of a decided political sentiment against the speech, the President backs down leaving Butler to fight the battle alone. "Let us have peace."

GENERAL COX, of Ohio, has authorized the Cincinnati Gazette to say that the intimation, coming from whatever source it may, that he favored the leasing of a railroad to the New India Company, is unqualifiedly false; and that he has never, by word, or act, or in any way, expressed the intention of favoring such issue. The pretense that he was leaning toward the New India Company is a malicious and untrue charge. Cox says No. And on this issue they go before the country.

THE TRIALS OF AN EDITOR.—A contemporary gives the following vivid and truthful description of the trials and perplexities of the country newspaper editor:

Editing a paper is very pleasant business. If it contains too much political matter the people won't have it. If it contains too little they won't have it. If the type is large it don't contain enough reading matter. If the type is small they can't read it.

If we publish telegraph reports, folks say they are nothing but lies. If we omit them, they say we have no enterprise, or suppress them for political effect.

If we have a few jokes, folks say we are nothing but a rattle head. If we omit jokes they say we are an old fossil.

If we publish original matter they damn us for not giving selections. If we publish selections, folks say we are lazy for not writing more, and giving them what they want to read in some other paper.

If we give a man a complimentary notice we are censured for being partial. If we do not say we are illiberal. If we insert an article which pleases the ladies, men become jealous.

If we do not cater to their wishes, the paper is not fit to have in the house. If we attend church they say it is our duty.

If we do not, they denounce us as deceitful and wicked. If we remain in our office and attend to business, folks say we are too proud to mingle with our fellow-men.

If we do not pay all bills promptly, folks say we are not to be trusted. If we do pay promptly they say we stole the money.

THE WAR CLOUD which but lately seemed so terribly threatening to involve all Europe in the most terrible and bloody struggle recorded in the annals of history, has dwindled to a mere speck, and the anticipated blood-letting is in the far off future. England has tamed down and announces her willingness to submit the matters in controversy to a conference of the powers interested. In which event Russia will be likely to obtain all she seeks and the roaring lion will be as tame as a pet lamb.

It is rumored that Boutwell is going out of the Cabinet. The New York Evening Post says "his chances for the Presidential nomination made him unpleasant to the President, who is using all the means in his power to secure a renomination." Boutwell is a strong man among Republicans who give full credence to his treasury statements. They have a sort of loose idea he pays of several millions of the public debt out of his own pocket, every month. Delano is reported as the probable Finance Minister. He can be relied on to run the department in the interest of his master.

The International Hotel at Yankton, Dakota, was destroyed by fire on Friday morning last. Loss \$10,000.

A fire at Kickapoo, Ill., on Sunday morning destroyed the mill of Voorhees & Leeds. Loss \$12,000.

The fact that Judge Dent, brother-in-law of the President, is McGarran's counsel, "accounts for the milk in the cocoanut."

The Fort Scott, Kansas, Democrat, places the name of Allen C. Thurman at the head of its column as its candidate for President in 1872.

A BAD SPELL.—Sixty members of an educational institute in Maine, recently spelled caterpillar seventeen different ways.

The New York Sun thinks that "stars are clearly the best astronomers, because they have studied the heavens since the creation."

The Secretary of the Treasury in his statement for November claims a reduction of taxes of \$74,860. To do this they have taxed the people enormously and unequally.

According to the Cincinnati Commercial.

By direct loss to the Government, by colonizing hundreds of worthless bunnies or "workmen" in the Brooklyn Navy yard, for the purpose of electing ex-Assessor Webster to Congress, was \$100,000. And, after all, Webster was not elected.

EAGLE KILLED.—Harry Tidball shot a black eagle on his farm two miles east of town, on Monday, which measured six feet six inches from tip to tip. In view of the fact that Mr. Tidball has been worshipping the American Eagle for several years, we are surprised that he should be so forgetful as to kill it. A number of radicals gathered about to inspect the noble bird, who seemed exceedingly rejoiced at its death. This, perhaps, may be accounted for on the ground that it was not pure black. It lucky for Mr. Tidball that there is no Freedman's Bureau establishment in this locality, else he would go through it feet foremost.—Holmes County Farmer.

CHOKED TO DEATH.—A few days ago as Mr. Noah Glessner, of this township, was eating some beef, a small piece stuck in his throat, choking him and causing considerable pain. A physician was summoned, the throat cut open and the meat removed. Some species of gathering followed by inflammation, ensued, which resulted in the doctor to death last Wednesday. Mr. Glessner was a single man, about fifty years of age, an honest, industrious farmer; a sound Democrat and universally esteemed by all who knew him.—New Lisbon Patriot.

A WILD CAT ADVENTURE.—On Tuesday last week, a wild cat entered the house of John Kiser, who resides in the woods, about ten miles northwest of this place, and took a young child from the cradle, and was about to devour it, when it was frightened away.